NAMP: National Anti Malaria Programme

NLEP: National Leprosy Eradication Programme

NPCB: National Programmes for Control of Blindness

NTCP: National Tuberculosis Control Programme

NACP: National AIDS Control Programme.

Telecast of Urdu News by Patna Doordarshan

†*318. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Patna Doordarshan Kendra has been ordered by Government to increase the time duration of Urdu News from ten minutes to fifteen minutes;

(b) if so, whether Patna Doordarshan Kendra is complying with this order and if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) whether number of casual Assistant News Editors and Copywriters have also been reduced by Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether some orders in respect of increasing the number of casual Urdu News Editors and Clerks have been given again?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) All programme matters of Doordarshan including telecast of news comes under the purview of Prasar Bharati, an autonomous body, which is competent to take such decisions independently and Government do not interfere in such matters. Prasar Bharati has intimated that an order to increase the duration of Urdu News was issued. However, it could not be implemented due to shortage of staff and financial constraints.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has intimated that the number of casual Assistant'News Editors and Copywriters has been reduced in view of the financial constraints and non-availability of posts.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies

*319. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised colonies on private and Government land in the National Capital Territory of Delhi at present which are proposed to be regularised;

(b) whether Government have constituted a new Committee to suggest measures to expedite the regularisation process of those colonies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when its report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) the guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies provide for regularisation of colonies which existed before 31.3.1993 and reflected in the aerial survey carried out by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been requested to identify and send the list of colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development), Government of India with Vice Chairman, DDA; Principal Secretary (UD), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Commissioner, MCD; Chairman, NDMC; Chairman, Delhi Vidyut Board; Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board and Joint Secretary (D&L) in the Ministry as members to examine the existing guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies and suggest modifications required, if any, to facilitate their expeditious regularisation. The Committee is likely to submit its report by May, 2002.